

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 4 (canceled)

5. (New) A combination seal, comprising:

a first annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a first vertical wall;

a second annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a second cylindrical wall, said first vertical wall extending toward said fitting cylindrical portion of said second vertical wall; and

an annular seal member provided in said second annular case, said annular seal member being provided with an axial lip having a distal portion which sealingly engages said first vertical wall and with a protruding radial lip inclining further away than its leg portion from said first vertical wall, wherein:

said first annular case and said second annular case are respectively and separately fitted to one of a stationary member and a rotatable member and the other the other of a stationary member and a rotatable member, and thereafter both are incorporated into a bearing unit; and

said radial lip directly sealingly engages the outer circumferential wall of said stationary member or said rotatable member after said first annular case and said second annular case are incorporated into said bearing unit.

6. (New) The combination seal according to claim 5, wherein:

said axial lip is formed as two lips; and

said protruding radial lip is formed as a single lip.

7. (New) The combination seal according to claim 5, wherein:

said stationary member and said rotatable member are inner and outer rings respectively and constitute a bearing; and

said first annular case is fitted in said rotatable member.

8.(New) The combination seal according to claim 7, wherein:

said second annular case has a fitting cylindrical portion whose circumferential end is provided inside in said bearing unit from that of said first vertical wall, whereby a spacing gap surrounded by said circumferential end of said first vertical wall, said circumferential end of said fitting cylindrical portion of said second annular case and the inner circumferential surface of said stationary member constitutes a labyrinth portion with an L-shaped section.

9. (New) A bearing unit, having:

bearing members interposed between a rotatable member and a stationary member situated in order to allow said rotatable member to rotate relative to said stationary member; and

a combination seal provided at a location outside of said bearing members, said combination seal having: a first annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a first vertical wall; a second annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a second vertical wall, said first vertical wall extending toward said fitting cylindrical portion of said second vertical wall; and an annular seal member provided in said second annular case, said annular seal member being provided with an axial lip having a distal portion which sealingly engages said first vertical wall and with a protruding vertical lip inclining further away than its leg portion from said first vertical wall; wherein: said first annular case and said second annular case and said second annular case are respectively and separately fitted to one of a stationary member and a rotatable member and the other of a stationary member and a rotatable member, and thereafter both are incorporated into the bearing unit; and said radial lip directly sealingly engages the outer circumferential wall of said stationary member or said rotatable member after said first annular case and said second annular case are incorporated into the bearing unit.